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**MEMORANDUM FOR: Military Representative of the President**

**The Deputy Under Secretary of State for  
Political Affairs**

**The Deputy Secretary of Defense**

**SUBJECT:**

**Forecast of CIA Air Activities for  
December 1961**

1. Attached is a listing of planned CIA air activities for the month of December 1961, including scheduled Discoverer shots.

2. Two Discoverer firings were completed as scheduled during November. The CORONA shot set for 1 November was launched and achieved orbit on 1 November but recovery was not accomplished due to loss of control gas. The CORONA shot set for 6 November was launched on 15 November and recovered successfully at the end of the first day. Early recovery was accelerated by the loss of control gas. Further orbit would reduce recovery possibilities.

SIGNED

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Attachment

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